

HEAPS AND PRIORITY QUEUES

Lecture 16
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Abstract vs concrete data structures

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- Abstract data structures are **interfaces**
 - ▣ they specify only **interface** (method names and specs)
 - ▣ not **implementation** (method bodies, fields, ...)
- Concrete data structures are **classes**. Abstract data structures can have multiple possible implementations by different concrete data structures.

Abstract vs concrete data structures

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- **interface** List defines an “abstract data type”.
- It has methods: add, get, remove, ...
- Various **classes** (“concrete data types”) implement List:

Class:	ArrayList	LinkedList
Backing storage:	array	chained nodes
add(i, val)	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
add(0, val)	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
add(n, val)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
get(i)	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
get(0)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
get(n)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$

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Concrete Data Types

Concrete data structures

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- Array
- LinkedList (singley-linked, doubly-linked)
- Trees (binary, general)
- Heaps

Heaps

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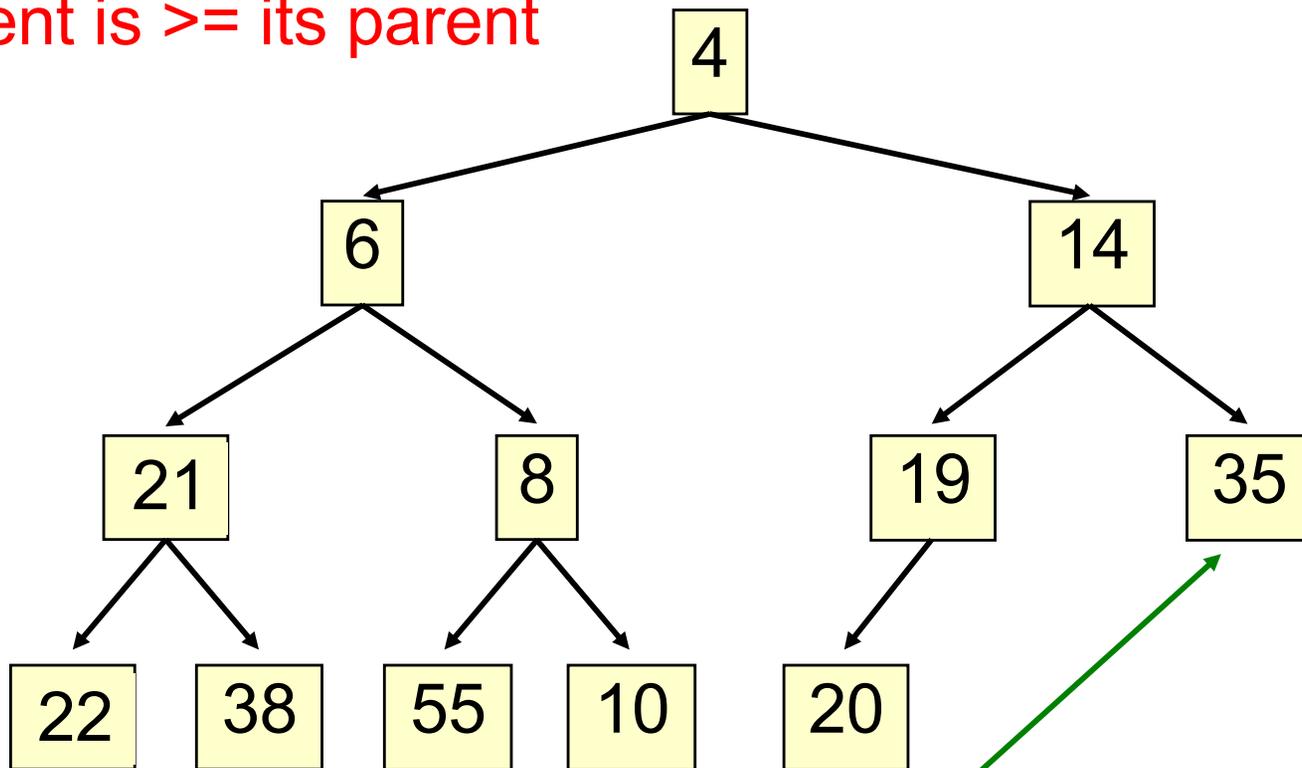
- A *heap* is a binary tree with certain properties (it's a concrete data structure)
 - Heap Order Invariant: every element in the tree is \geq its parent
 - Complete Binary Tree: every level of the tree (except last) is completely filled, there are no holes

Do not confuse with *heap memory*, where the Java virtual machine allocates space for objects – different usage of the word *heap*

Order Property

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Every element is \geq its parent

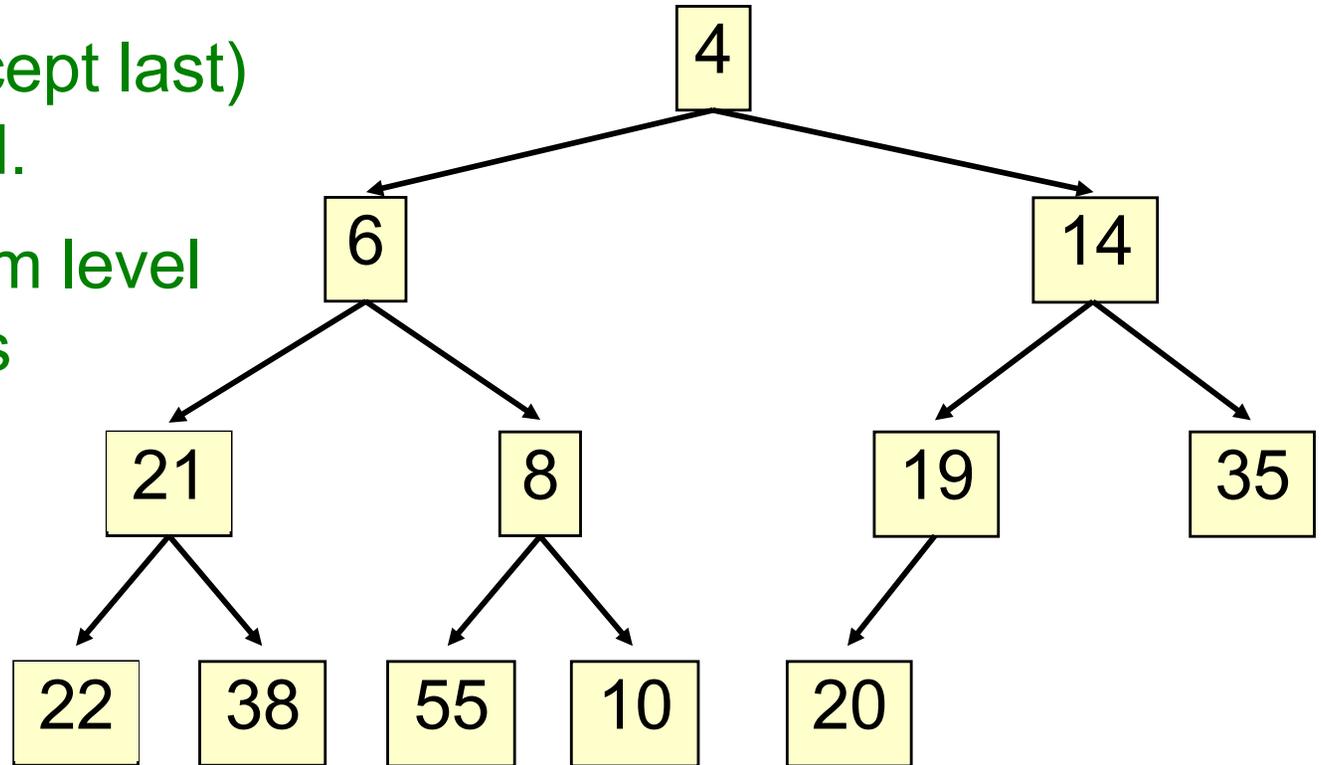


Note: $19, 20 < 35$: Smaller elements can be deeper in the tree!

Completeness Property

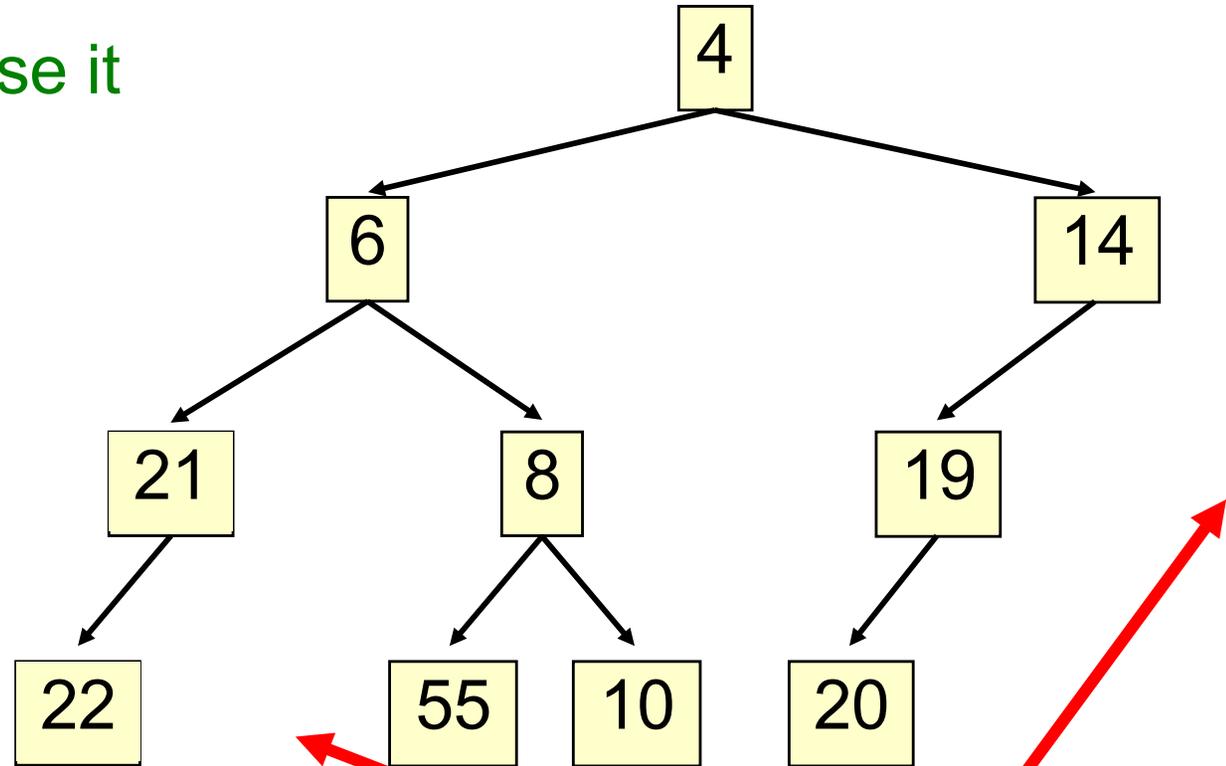
Every level (except last)
completely filled.

Nodes on bottom level
are as far left as
possible.



Completeness Property

Not a heap because it has two holes



Not a heap because:

- missing a node on level 2
- bottom level nodes are not as far left as possible

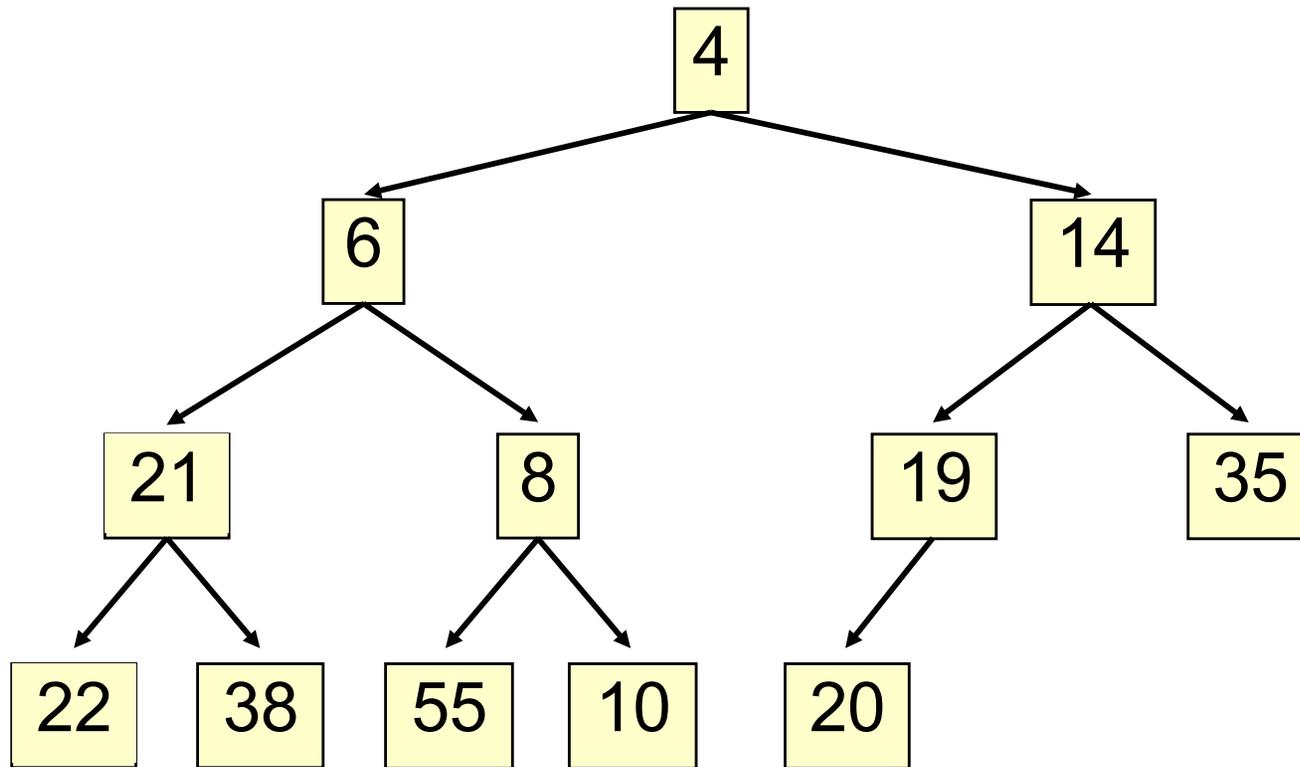
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- A heap implements two key methods:
 - `add(e)`: adds a new element to the heap
 - `poll()`: deletes the least element and returns it

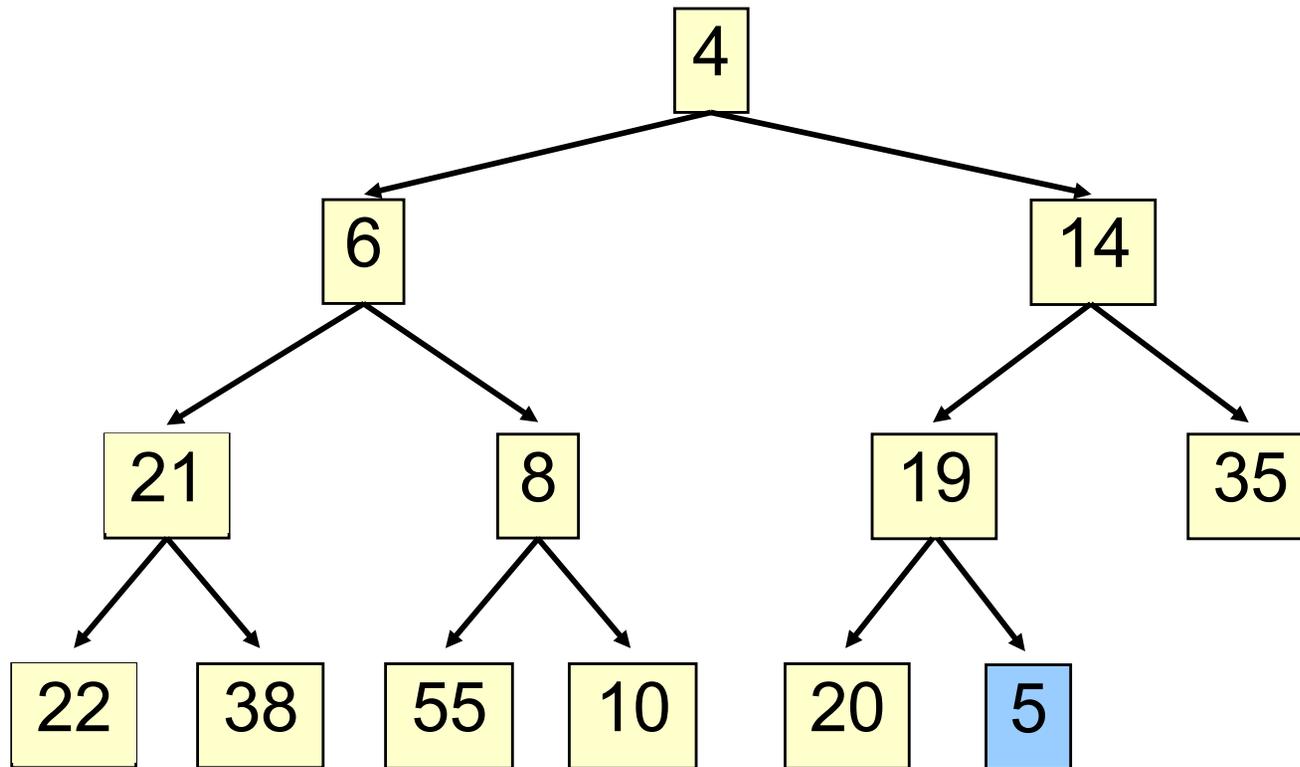
add (e)

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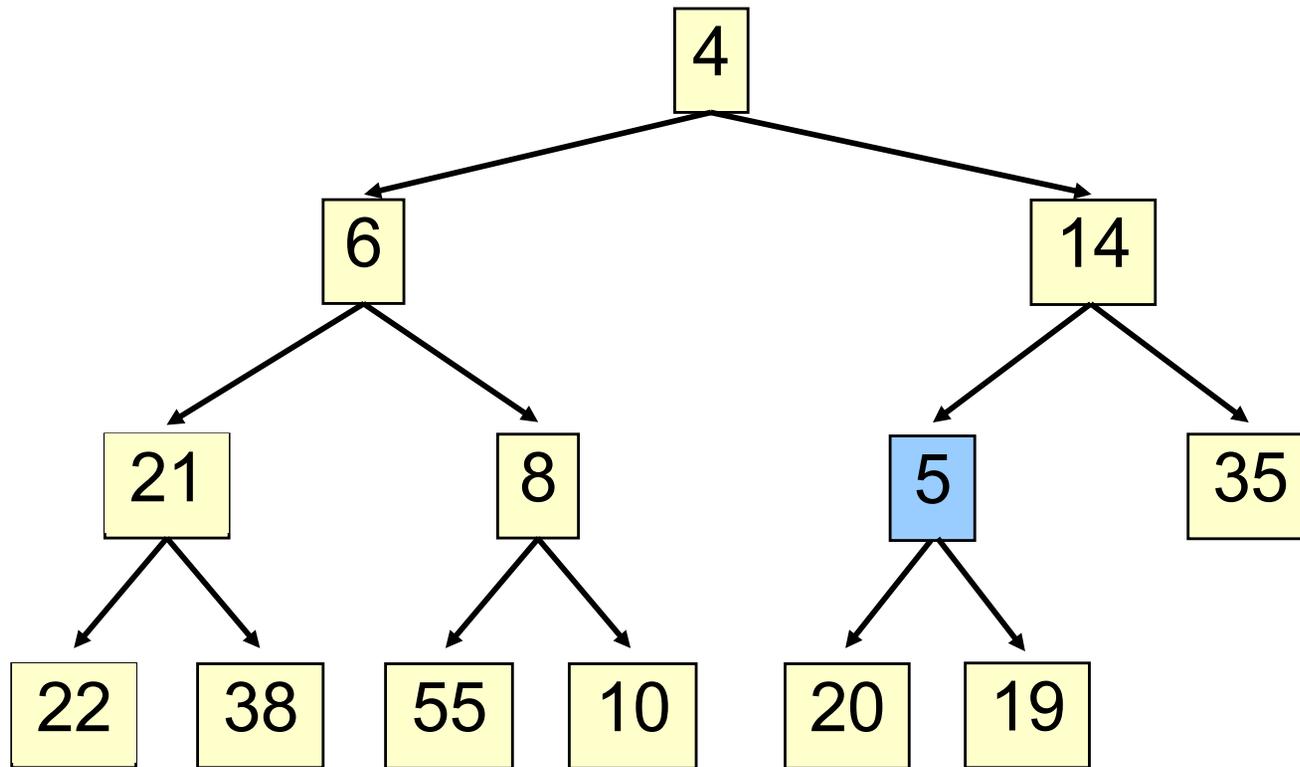
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1. Put in the new element in a new node

add ()

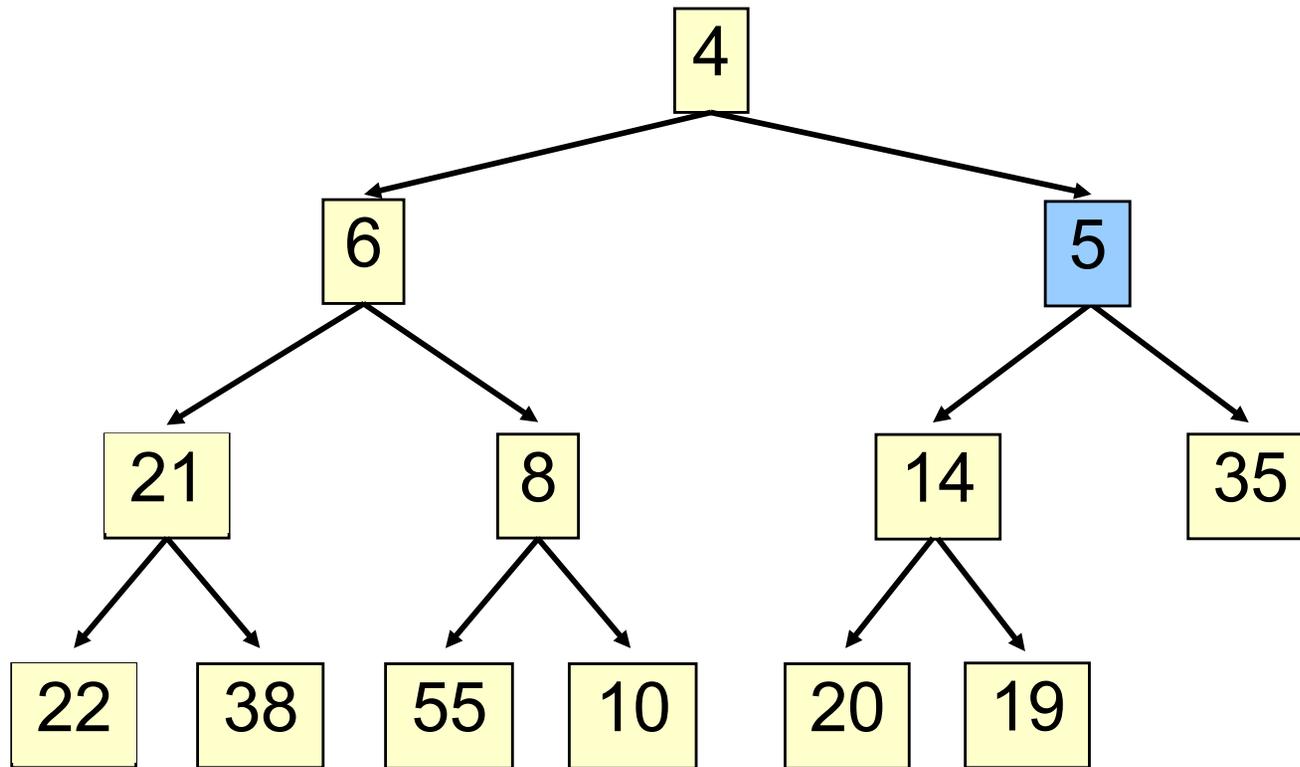
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2. Bubble new element up if less than parent

add ()

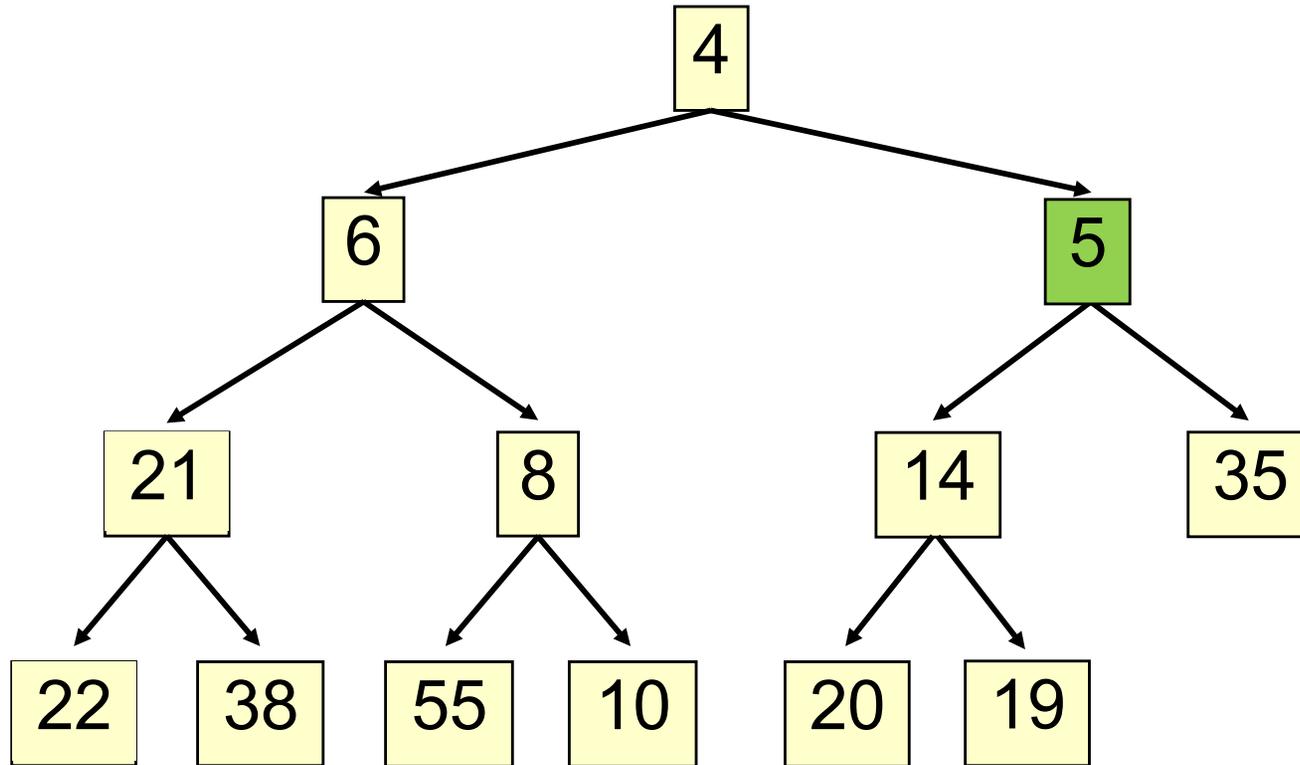
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add (e)

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- Add e at the leftmost empty leaf
- Bubble e up until it no longer violates heap order
- The heap invariant is maintained!

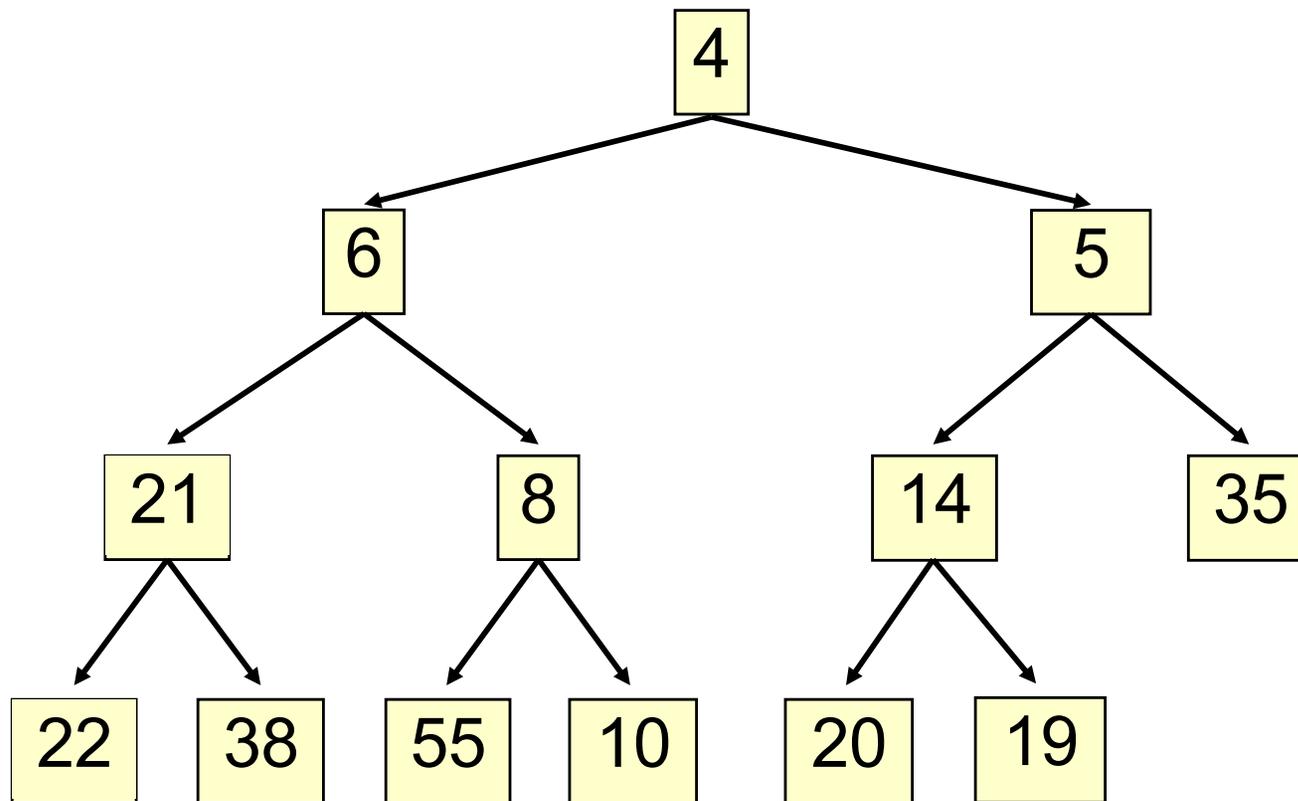
add(e) to a tree of size n

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- Time is $O(\log n)$, since the tree is balanced
 - size of tree is exponential as a function of depth
 - depth of tree is logarithmic as a function of size

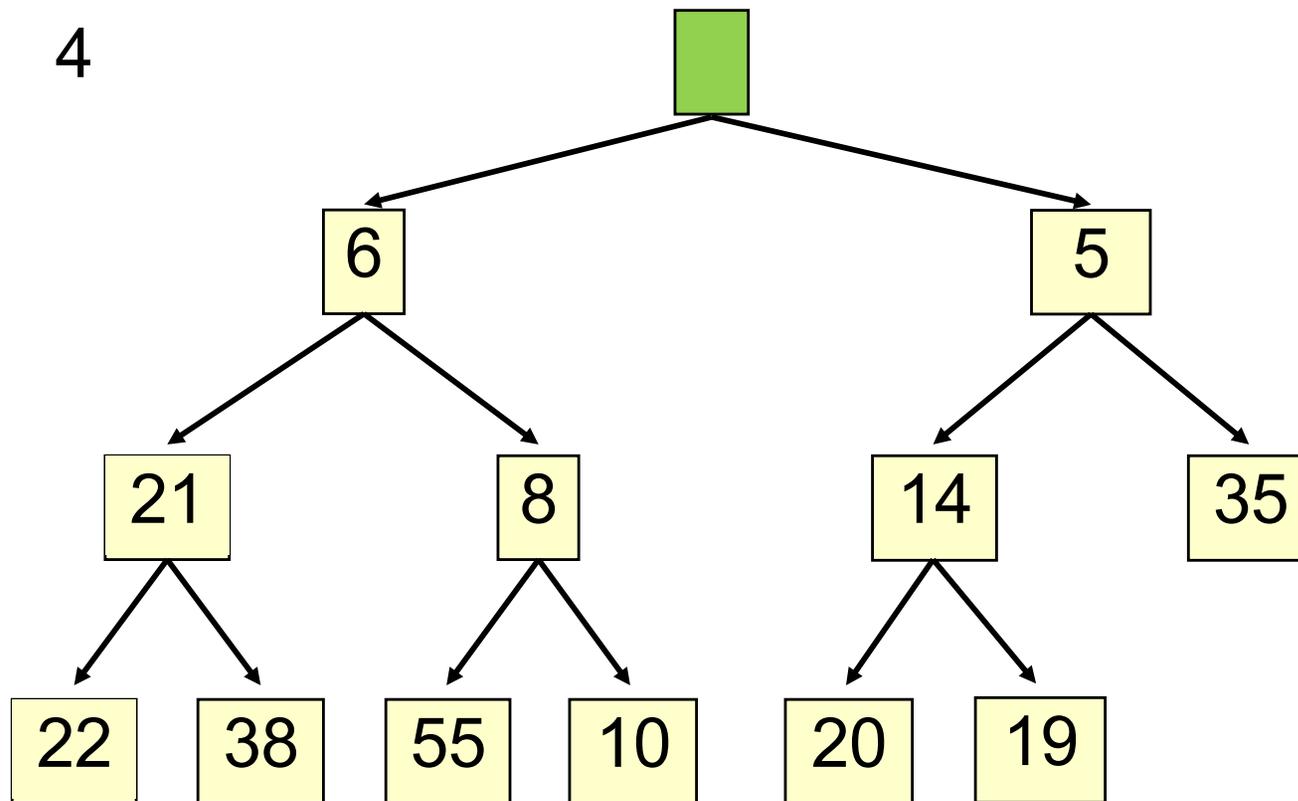
poll()

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poll()

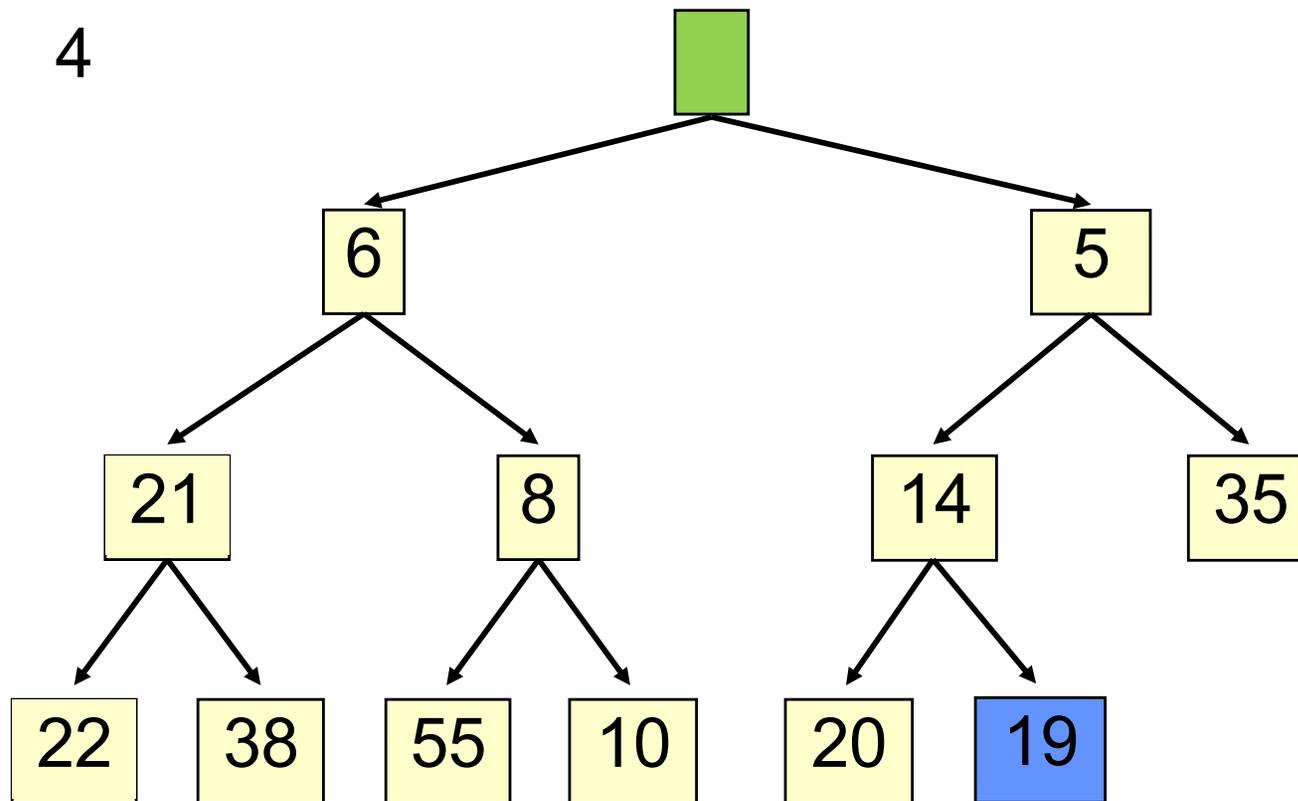
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1. Save top element in a local variable

poll()

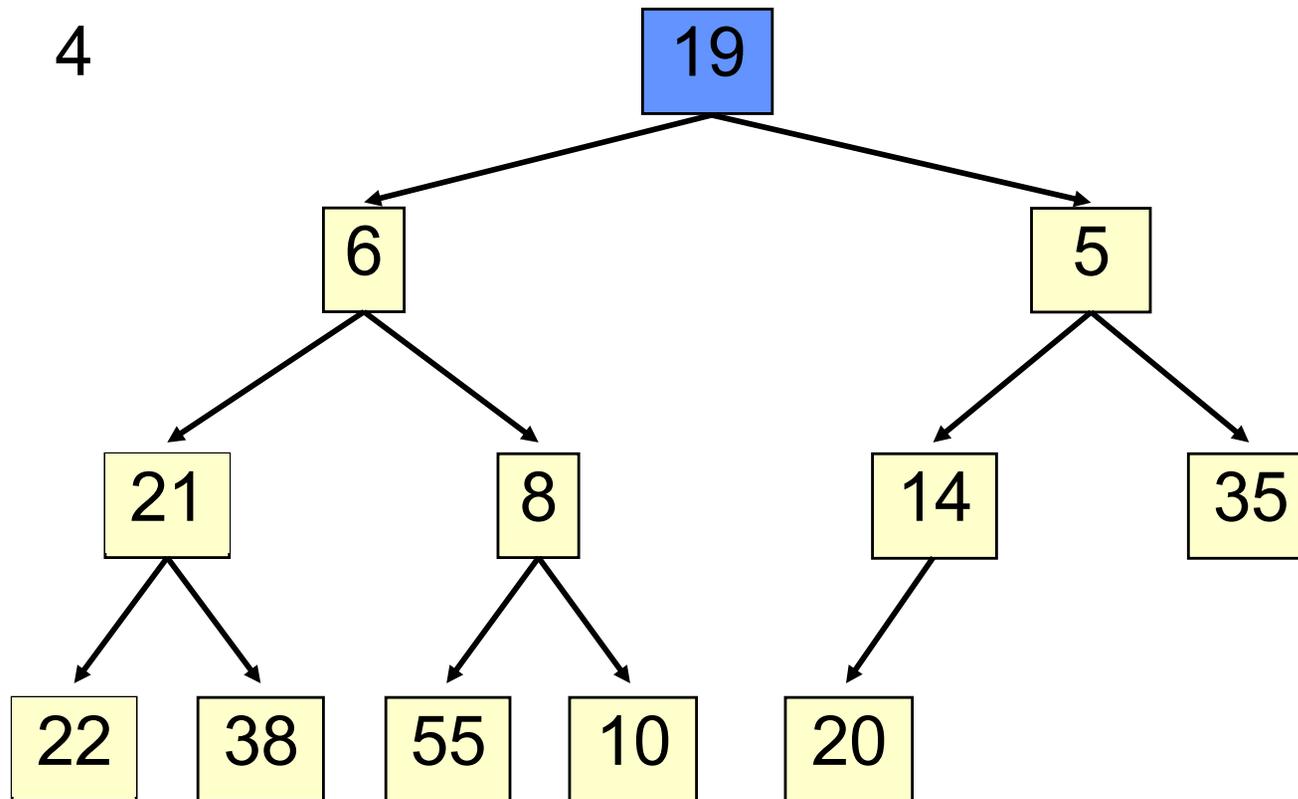
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2. Assign last value to the root, delete last value from heap

poll()

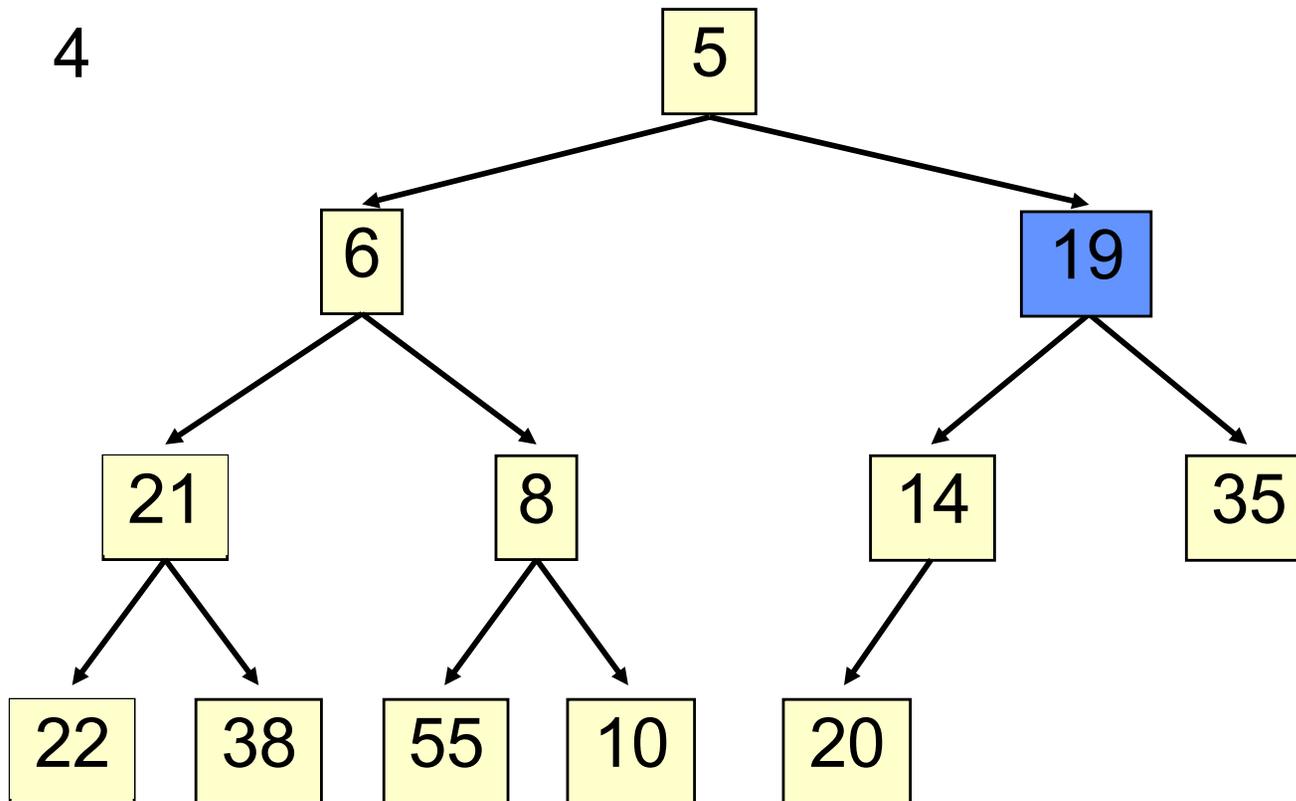
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3. Bubble root value down

poll()

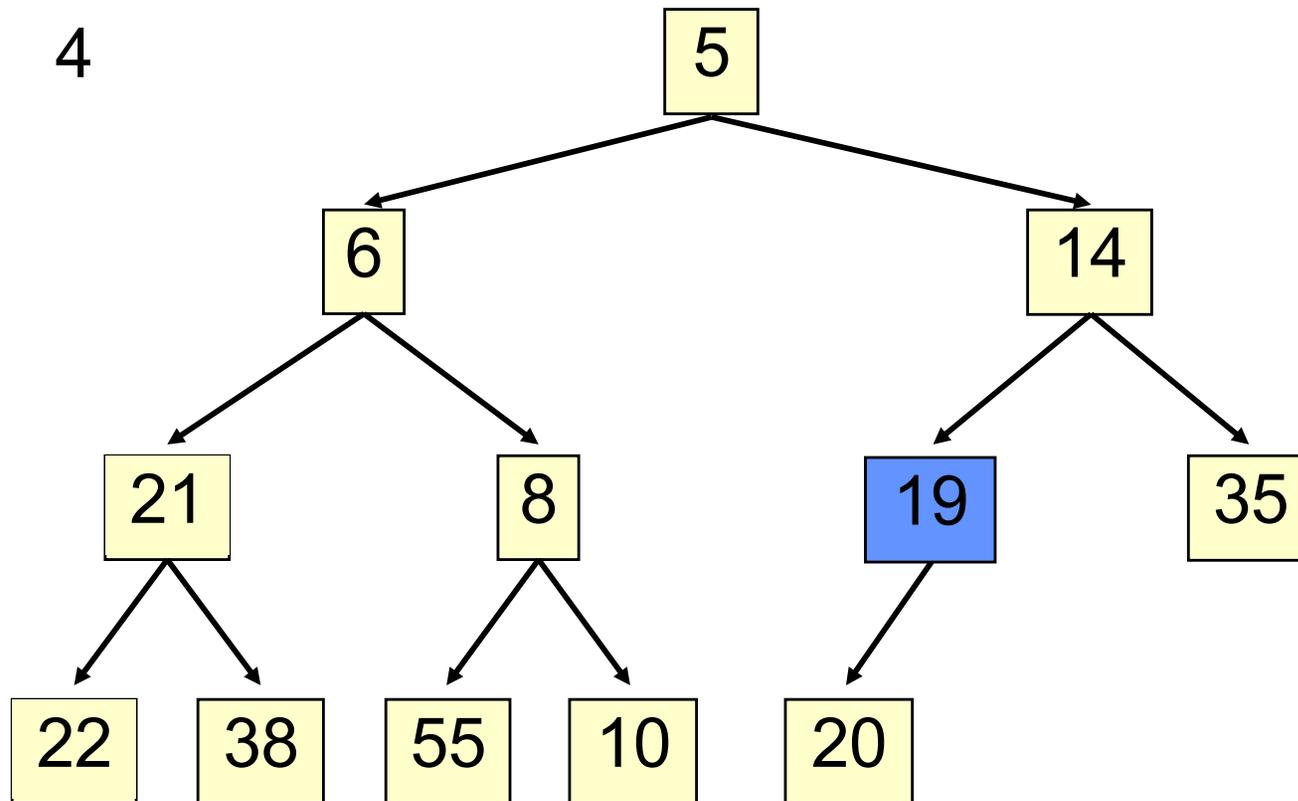
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- Save the least element (the root)
- Assign last element of the heap to the root.
- Remove last element of the heap.
- Bubble element down –always with smaller child, until heap invariant is true again.

The heap invariant is maintained!

- Return the saved element

Time is $O(\log n)$, since the tree is balanced

Implementing Heaps

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```
public class HeapNode<E> {  
    private E value;  
    private HeapNode left;  
    private HeapNode right;  
    ...  
}
```



Implementing Heaps

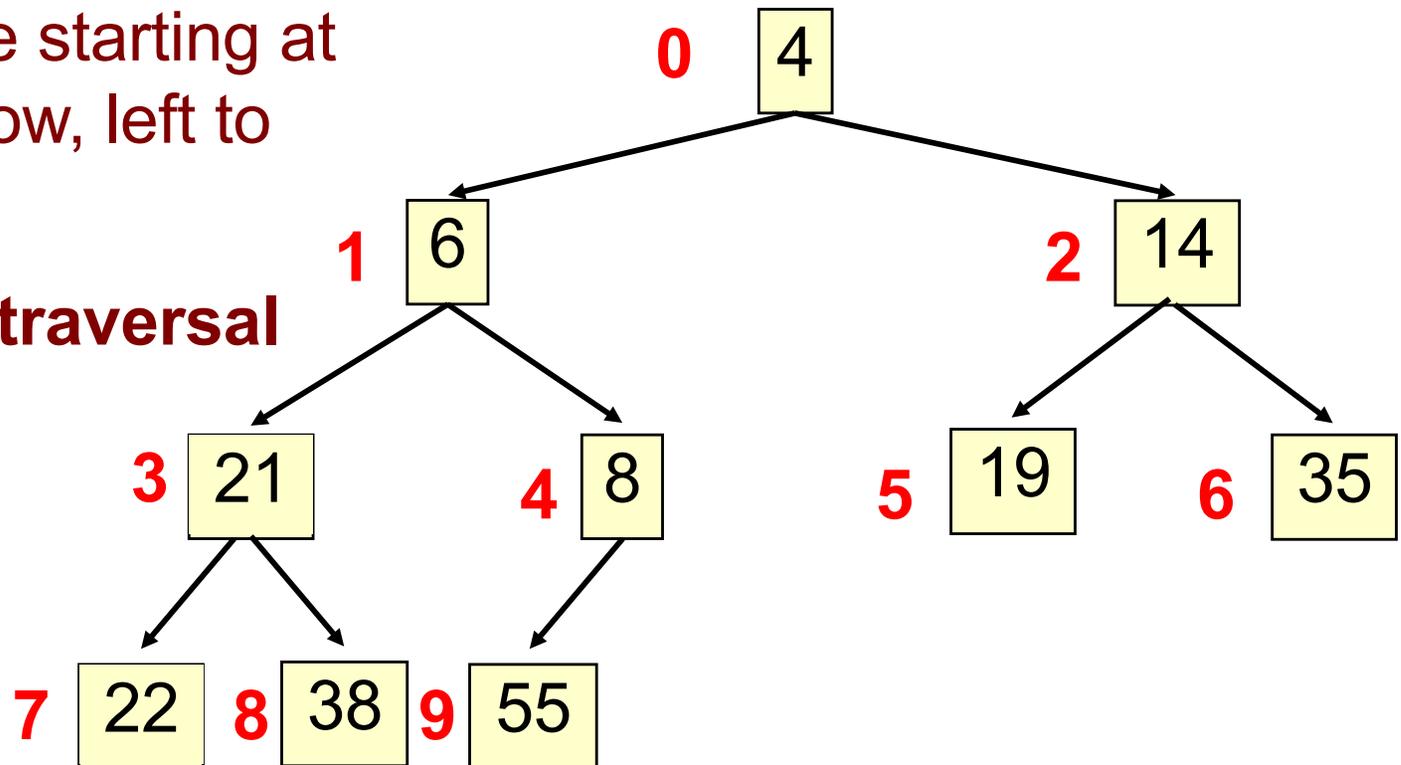
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```
public class Heap<E> {  
    private E[] heap;  
    ...  
}
```

Numbering the nodes in a heap

Number node starting at root row by row, left to right

Level-order traversal

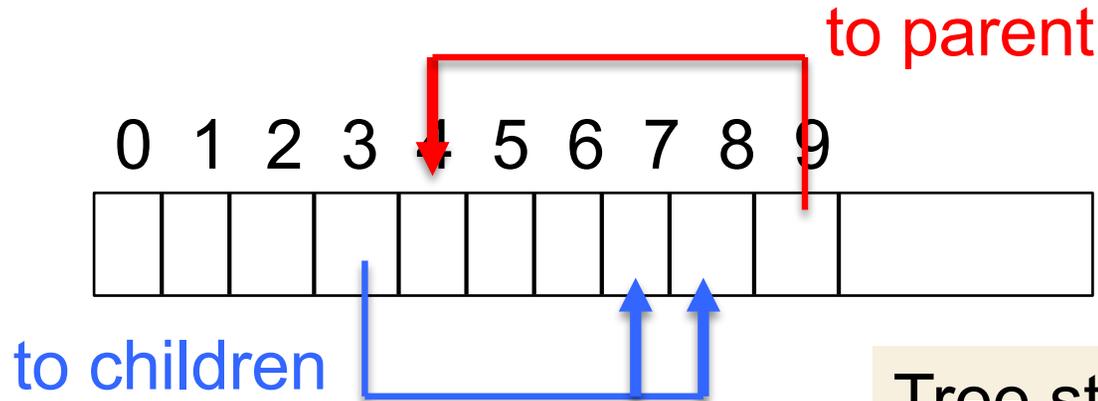


Children of node k are nodes $2k+1$ and $2k+2$
Parent of node k is node $(k-1)/2$

Store a heap in an array (or ArrayList) b !

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- Heap nodes in b in order, going across each level from left to right, top to bottom
- Children of $b[k]$ are $b[2k + 1]$ and $b[2k + 2]$
- Parent of $b[k]$ is $b[(k - 1)/2]$



Tree structure is implicit.
No need for explicit links!

add() --assuming there is space

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```
/** An instance of a heap */
class Heap<E> {
    E[] b= new E[50]; // heap is b[0..n-1]
    int n= 0; // heap invariant is true

    /** Add e to the heap */
    public void add(E e) {
        b[n]= e;
        n= n + 1;
        bubbleUp(n - 1); // given on next slide
    }
}
```

add () . Remember, heap is in b[0..n-1]

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```
class Heap<E> {  
    /** Bubble element #k up to its position.  
     * Pre: heap inv holds except maybe for k */  
    private void bubbleUp(int k) {  
        int p= (k-1)/2;  
        // inv: p is parent of k and every elmnt  
        // except perhaps k is >= its parent  
        while (k > 0  &&  b[k].compareTo(b[p]) < 0) {  
            swap(b[k], b[p]);  
            k= p;  
            p= (k-1)/2;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

`poll()` . Remember, heap is in `b[0..n-1]`

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```
/** Remove and return the smallest element
 * (return null if list is empty) */
public E poll() {
    if (n == 0) return null;
    E v=  b[0];    // smallest value at root.
    n= n - 1;    // move last
    b[0]= b[n];  // element to root
    bubbleDown(0);
    return v;
}
```

c' s smaller child

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```
/** Tree has n node.  
 * Return index of smaller child of node k  
 * (2k+2 if k >= n) */  
public int smallerChild(int k, int n) {  
    int c = 2*k + 2;    // k's right child  
    if (c >= n || b[c-1].compareTo(b[c]) < 0)  
        c = c-1;  
    return c;  
}
```

```
/** Bubble root down to its heap position.  
    Pre: b[0..n-1] is a heap except maybe b[0] */  
private void bubbleDown() {  
    int k= 0;  
    int c= smallerChild(k, n);  
    // inv: b[0..n-1] is a heap except maybe b[k] AND  
    //       b[c] is b[k]'s smallest child  
    while ( c < n && b[k].compareTo(b[c]) > 0) {  
        swap(b[k], b[c]);  
        k= c;  
        c= smallerChild(k, n);  
    }  
}
```

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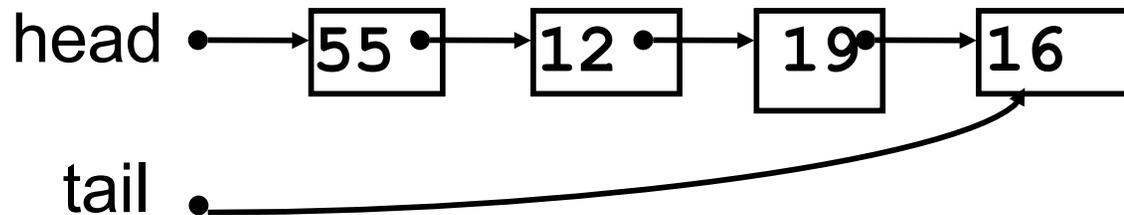
Abstract Data Types

Some Abstract Data Types

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- List
- Stack (**LIFO**) implemented using a List
 - allows only **add(0, val)**, **remove(0)** (push, pop)
- Queue (**FIFO**) implemented using a List
 - allows only **add(n, val)**, **remove(0)** (enqueue, dequeue)

Both efficiently implementable using a
singly linked list with head and tail



- PriorityQueue

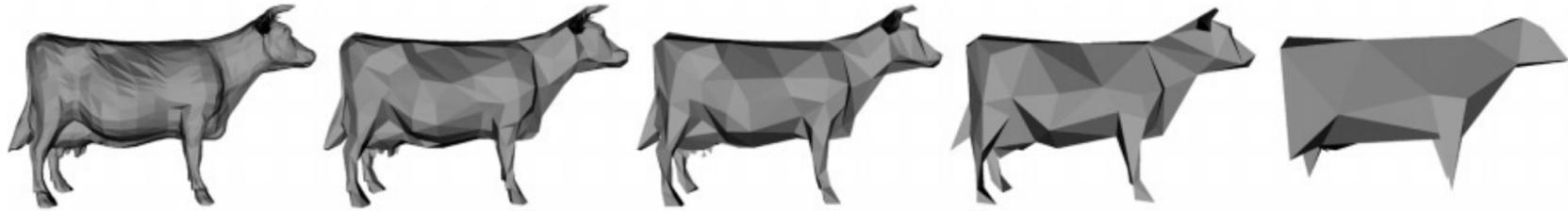
Priority Queue

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- Data structure in which data items are **Comparable**
- **Smaller** elements (determined by **compareTo ()**) have **higher** priority
- **remove ()** return the element with the highest priority = least element in the **compareTo ()** ordering
- break ties arbitrarily

Many uses of priority queues (& heaps)

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Surface simplification [Garland and Heckbert 1997]

- Event-driven simulation: customers in a line
- Collision detection: "next time of contact" for colliding bodies
- Graph searching: Dijkstra's algorithm, Prim's algorithm
- AI Path Planning: A* search
- Statistics: maintain largest M values in a sequence
- Operating systems: load balancing, interrupt handling
- Discrete optimization: bin packing, scheduling
- College: prioritizing assignments for multiple classes.

java.util.PriorityQueue<E>

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```
interface PriorityQueue<E> {  
    boolean add(E e) {...} //insert e.  
    void clear() {...} //remove all elems.  
    E peek() {...} //return min elem.  
    E poll() {...} //remove/return min elem.  
    boolean contains(E e)  
    boolean remove(E e)  
    int size() {...}  
    Iterator<E> iterator()  
}
```

TIME
log
constant
log
linear
linear
constant

IF implemented with a heap!

Priority queues as lists

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- Maintain as a list
 - **add()** put new element at front – $O(1)$
 - **poll()** must search the list – $O(n)$
 - **peek()** must search the list – $O(n)$
- Maintain as an **ordered list**
 - **add()** must search the list – $O(n)$
 - **poll()** min element at front – $O(1)$
 - **peek()** $O(1)$

Can we do better?

Priority queues as heaps

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- A *heap* can be used to implement priority queues
- Gives better complexity than either ordered or unordered list implementation:
 - **add** () : $O(\log n)$ (n is the size of the heap)
 - **peek** () : $O(1)$
 - **poll** () : $O(\log n)$

What if the priority is independent from the value?

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Separate priority from value and do this:

```
add(e, p); //add element e with priority p (a double)
```

THIS IS EASY!

Be able to change priority

```
change(e, p); //change priority of e to p
```

THIS IS HARD!

Big question: How do we find e in the heap?

Searching heap takes time proportional to its size! **No good!**

Once found, change priority and bubble up or down. **OKAY**

Assignment A6: implement this heap! Use a second data structure to make change-priority expected $\log n$ time